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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Willa
4 Harris, who passed away on July 8, 2015; and

5 WHEREAS, Willa Harris was born in Vicksburg, Mississippi to
6 Leona Parker on March 29, 1938 and moved to Chicago with her
7 mother and sibling in 1944; she graduated from Dunbar
8 Vocational High school in 1957 and went on to graduate from
9 college in 1961; she married Sam Harris, Sr.; and

10 WHEREAS, Willa Harris worked for many years at various
11 places including Montgomery Wards, Kham & Nates, Aldean Morrow,
12 and Alden Wentworth, where she spent her final working years as
13 a senior union steward; and

14 WHEREAS, Willa Harris was affectionately known as "Aunt Wee
15 Wee" or "Babysister"; she was a member of Cosmopolitan Church
16 of Prayer for over 50 years; her favorite pass time was
17 spending time with family, friends, and hanging out at the
18 off-track betting; she also enjoyed shopping, traveling,
19 visiting different casinos, cooking big dinners, and making
20 lemon ice box pies; and

21 WHEREAS, Willa Harris was always helping others, laughing,

1 and bringing smiles to people's faces; and

2 WHEREAS, Willa Harris is survived by her son, Sam L.
3 Harris, Jr. (Brenda); her daughter, Aldine D. Harris-Wilson
4 (David); her grandchildren, Mario Harris, Aiden Wilson, and
5 Samanta' Harris; her great-grandson, DeMarcus Harris; her
6 sisters, Dorothy Beard (Khamolaw) and Aldine Davis; her
7 brother, Nathaniel Parker (Dorothy); her special friend, Alex;
8 and a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends;
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
11 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
12 mourn the passing of Willa Harris, and extend our sincere
13 condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved
14 her; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of Willa Harris as an expression of our
17 deepest sympathy.